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Comment Of The Day

PUBLICISING HONGKONG

IN a notable maiden speech to the Legislative Council, Mr H.D.M. Barton called for "urgent steps to ensure that a steady flow of accurate information on all our economic, social and industrial problems is made available in countries such as the U.K. and USA." The question of publicising Hongkong has been a good talking point for many months. Early last year, when the Lancashire outcry against Hongkong textile exports was at its highest, the local chamber of commerce announced a useful connection with the Free Trade and Cobden Club in London, and a leading member, corresponding with London papers, did valuable service for Hongkong.

About the same time the China Mail urged the establishment of a Hongkong Commission, headed by Sir Alexander Grantham in London, whose job would be to publicise various aspects of the Colony. We also urged the Public Relations Office to produce a monthly air-mail-weight newsletter for overseas distribution.

Outcry Subsides

A PART from the formation of a Hongkong Association in London, composed largely of retired local businessmen and former residents, the best means of publicising the Colony have not yet been established. And Mr Barton's comments underline the need for something more. Today our immediate target for public relations work should be the United States, for it is from this direction that a new threat of import restrictions exists. In Britain, the outcry against Hongkong has subsided.

A permanent Hongkong public relations group in Britain and America staffed by public servants would be a waste of money. Hongkong cannot expect to stay in the public eye all the time. What we need therefore is a mobile public relations team, moving from country to country to reply to outcries against Hongkong as they develop.

Two-man Team

TODAY there is not much hope of getting Sir Alexander Grantham to act as a regular spokesman for the Colony. He has business commitments which would prevent him doing so. There may be another prominent former resident who could do this work, but people here feel that a man fully conversant with local conditions and preferably one still living in the Colony would be the best bet.

Since it would be unreasonable to ask a public servant to become involved in any political imbroglio, particularly in the United Kingdom, Government cannot handle it alone. Our public relations team should therefore consist of one leading local businessman and a senior member of the staff of the PRO's office, the businessman to do all the talking and appearing on TV, the PRO staff man to supply facts and figures, write newspaper articles and advise. This team could additionally take films of Hongkong (if they are available) for tourist promotion, and to publicise social welfare work to widen the interest abroad in the work the Colony is doing. A three-month tour in American Inter this year should be our first aim.

CHINESE PLANE LEAVES LHASA FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION

DALAI LAMA KIDNAPPED?

Wires Between Tibet And India Cut

New Delhi, March 23.

Rumours that the Dalai Lama, Supreme Buddhist religious leader, had been carried off by Chinese authorities were rife here tonight, after an informed source reported that a Chinese plane left Lhasa, Tibet, today for an unknown destination.

Jaywalkers Fined \$10

A group of 25 people, six women and 19 men, each received fines of \$10 when they pleaded guilty to jay-walking before Mr B. V. Rhodes at Kowloon Court this morning.

The defendants, who were dealt with en bloc, were all arrested yesterday at the junction of Nathan Road and Shantung Street. Their ages ranged between 18 to 48. They were all on bail of \$25.

It had been expected that the Dalai Lama might be taken off to Peking following reports here last week that he had been summoned to appear without his usual guard before Chinese authorities.

Touched Off

These reports were said to have touched off the demonstrations outside the Indian Consulate-General in Lhasa last week.

Meanwhile, the Indian Communications Director-General announced today that radio-telephone communications with Lhasa had been interrupted, and that no telegrams would be accepted for Lhasa "until further notice."

His statement confirmed reports that telegraphic contact with Lhasa had been broken. The only general link between Lhasa and the outside world—with the exception of a line to Peking—had been the telegraphic communications between Lhasa and New Delhi.

Now the only remaining tie between Tibet and the outside world is the radio of the Indian Consul-General in Lhasa.

Repercussions

Hundreds of Tibetans, including high officials and lamas, met this afternoon at Kollimping and passed a resolution requesting the government of India to mediate in the uprising. They said the Tibetans felt they were more closely connected with the Indians than with any others.

A 19-member deputation of Tibetan officials and lamas will meet the Indian political officer at Ganok tomorrow, to warn against serious repercussions if there was no mediation immediately.

The deputation may go to New Delhi to see Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru, if a satisfactory reply was received from the political officer in France-Press.

Treaty Proposed

Kuala Lumpur, March 23. Malaya and the Philippines will discuss first steps toward a proposed Southeast Asia friendship and economic treaty, informed sources said here today.

Mr Felixberto Serrano, Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs, will meet Dr Ismail Bin Dato Abdul Rahman, Malayan Minister for External Affairs, in Kuala Lumpur on April 3, Reuter.

Lost Its Bid

Lusaka, March 23. Northern Rhodesia's powerful United Federal Party has all but lost its bid for unchallenged control of this British protectorate's legislature.

Returns still trickling in from Friday's general election narrowed the gap of still undecided seats to three, exactly the number the United Federalists would have to win for a 16-seat hold on the 30-seat legislature. — U.P.I.

PHONE BOOTH 'SQUASH' RECORD!

Wellington, March 23. Midday lunch crowds watched today as 20 university students crammed into a telephone booth in the heart of Dunedin city to claim the world "squash" record from London University.

Students around the world have joined the telephone booth craze over the past few weeks. Eighteen London University students claimed the world record last week. The New Zealand students today disdainfully dis-

Grivas Returns To Big Welcome



Siamese Twins (Joined At The Skull) Successfully Separated

London, March 23. Ten-month-old male Siamese twins, joined together at the top of the skull, have been "successfully separated" in an operation, the governors of St Bartholomew's Hospital here announced tonight.

Their statement added: "Both are alive, but their condition will remain extremely critical for several days."

Triplets

The Siamese twins are Timothy and Jeremy Thackeray, who were born joined together at the top of the skull. They were two of triplets born in May last year to Mrs Kathleen Thackeray, wife of a bank manager in Hendon, north London.

The third baby is normal and at home with the parents. A month ago, a statement from the hospital said the twins were progressing well but had only a "slight chance" of surviving a separation operation. — Reuter.

Mount Etna Comes To Life Again

Catania, March 23. Mount Etna, Europe's tallest and most active volcano, came to life again today. The eruption sent masses of pobbles high in the sky. A few explosions were heard. Catania's Volcanology Institute said there was no danger to the population in villages at the foot of Mount Etna. — U.P.I.

Hussein In U.S.

Washington, March 23. King Hussein of Jordan arrived here today by plane to begin a five-day unofficial visit. — France-Press.

Just a few weeks ago, anyone close enough to Grivas to take these pictures could have warned themselves a quick £10,000—the price put on his head by Britain's security forces in Cyprus.

But now that this capering elf in the knickerbockers and zippered sweater is in the open again, he seems to like the look of a camera, getting up and posing with relish. With relish, too, he tells his story—of posing as a British

Army officer and staying in Nicolas Press hangout, the Ledra Palace Hotel; of shaking hands with the one-time Governor, Field Marshal Sir John Harding, disguised as a Turkish beggar; of nearly getting caught when driven mad by toothache, he went into Nicolas to see a dentist. Last Tuesday he had a monster welcome at Athens airport, the government, the Greek armed forces, the people all turned out to welcome home a new national hero. — Reuterphoto.

Summit Talks On A Golf Course?

Although Geneva is still the leading contender, there was talk in high diplomatic quarters that the palatial hotel and golf course at Gleneagles, Scotland, might be a better site for the projected East-West summit talks this summer.

Both President Eisenhower and Mr Harold Macmillan are known to be anxious to secure as much secrecy as possible for negotiations with Mr Nikita Khrushchev on the European crisis.

Gleneagles Hotel near Perth is one of Britain's leading luxury hotels. Now run by British Railways, it has about 200 rooms, spacious grounds, and one of the best known golf courses in Scotland.

Misgivings

The formal atmosphere of the large conference room at the United Nations European headquarters in Geneva is not liked and the glare of publicity which it encourages is viewed with misgivings.

Mr Macmillan definitely does not look forward to the prospect of negotiating in a "central hall." The ideal, as far as the British and the United States leaders are concerned, would be a secluded spot, such as Camp David or Gleneagles. A second reason why the West might suggest another site is that Geneva is associated with the failure of the Allied leaders to reach agreement on the German problem when they met there in 1945.

Students Stop Going To China

Kuala Lumpur, March 23. Malayan Chinese students have virtually stopped going to China, an Immigration spokesman said today.

He said there were also no applications to return to Malaya. Most of the students went to China before Malaya became independent in August, 1957. The exodus began to die down after that. — Reuter.

War Widows Benefit

London, March 23. British war widows aged 70 and over are to get an extra 10s a week added to their 65-shilling pension, the Minister of Pensions told the House of Commons here today.

About 55,000 widows will be affected. Most of the widows lost their husbands in the 1914-18 war. — Reuter.

U.S. Bank Sets Up HK Branch

San Francisco, March 23. Bank of America (International), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of America with home offices in San Francisco, today announced the opening of a new branch in Hongkong.

George Curran, Vice-President and head of the Bank's Far East operations, said the branch was being established "because of Hongkong's increasing importance as a world trade and manufacturing centre, and as a Far Eastern money market."

Manager of the new branch is Edward De Jong, veteran of 13 years of international banking in the Far East. — U.P.I.

Sheikhs Order The Bed To End All Beds

Birmingham, March 23. The maker of a bed to end all beds said today two of them had been sold to Middle Eastern sheikhs—but the first one goes to a Frenchman.

D.V. Bliss, export sales director of a bed company, said his firm's little couch comes equipped with a television set, a radio, a phonograph, adjustable mattresses and milk bedsprings.

It sells for \$22,500. The first of the beds will be shipped tomorrow to Henri Gross, a Paris furniture store owner, who bought it for his wife. Bliss said the sheikhs of Bahrain and Qatar in the Middle East also bought beds, complete with every accessory the bed boasts except the milk mattress.

"Maybe they have already got those," Bliss said. — U.P.I.

U.S. Conscription

Washington, March 23. President Eisenhower today signed into law a bill extending the conscription act for four years until July 1, 1963. The act provides for two years' military service. — Reuter.

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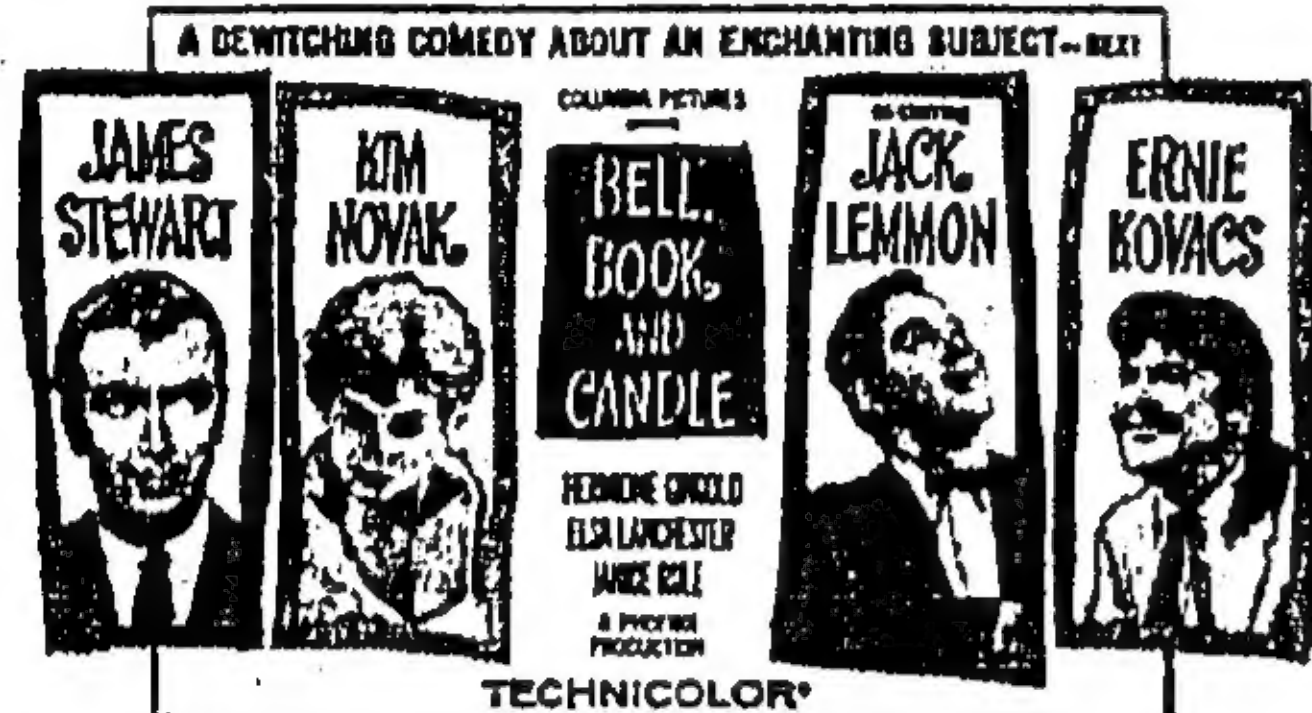
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Costumes worth hundreds of dollars are a feature of Father Sheridan's Chinese opera. Here is a scene from his latest triumph "The Fighting Bride".



Even the five-foot feathers have a meaning.

KUALA LUMPUR ASSIGNMENT FOR FILM CRITIC

WHEN I called on Mr John Luft, I found him busily typing out his article for this week's China Mail.

I had come to ask him a few questions about his forthcoming trip to Kuala Lumpur as a juror to the 5th Asian Film Festival.

I asked Mr Luft if he had any idea he would be selected as a juror.

He had no idea and the knowledge he had been selected was conveyed to him over the telephone a day before the Committee for the Asian Festival met to elect its jurors.

He added that he considered it an honour that the Chinese Film Executives placed so much confidence in his judgment.

Mr Luft said he had seen quite a number of Chinese films and had reviewed a few of the outstanding ones.

Pretty Stiff

He understood the Kuala Lumpur assignment was a pretty stiff one.

Screening would start at about eight in the morning, and last right through to the evening of every day, beginning April 26 and lasting until May 3 when the Festival proper would commence with the announcement of awards to films and individuals.

What standards would he judge the films by? Mr Luft said, "By the standards I would judge any film. The cinema as an art form is international, and although different countries bring their cultural traditions to the cinema, the medium is the same. Therefore, a film should be judged on the following points: Production; Direction; Script; Acting; Photography; from these should be

deduced the points of appeal, and the greatest number of points produces the winner."

Mr Luft said that Chinese films had made immense strides during the last few years and that if they could find subjects of international interest, they could compete in the international market.

Weaknesses

Asked what weaknesses he saw in Asiatic films, Mr Luft said that folklore, as interesting as it is, is not a good medium for an international film market. The human race is primarily interested in human beings, and films about people and their lives should be made without reference to the staged productions of their countries. Too many Asian films had failed to break away from their theatre conventions, so that we got a photographed play rather than an original film.

Mr Luft said language always was a barrier, especially when a film relies upon dialogue to a great extent. On the other hand, he would be under no greater disadvantage than any of the other jurors who could speak only the language of their own country.—A.F.

FATHER SHERIDAN TALKS ABOUT HIS CHINESE OPERA

A MAN with a well deserved rest these days is Father Sheridan of Wah Yan College who has royally entertained us with his recent production 'The Fighting Bride'.

However, few of us realise how much time and effort go into producing a Chinese Opera — particularly when it is presented in English. And this has become an annual event with Father Sheridan.

In the first place a number of existing Chinese plays have to be examined and rewritten around a central plot. Then by carefully chiselling away

the unnecessary parts, Father Sheridan eventually manages to shorten it from the traditional five hours down to a palatable three.

"The object being," he says, "to try and show foreign audiences the beauty and art of Chinese Opera."

Training

Months of training go into teaching new members of the cast how to walk, to speak, to make the correct hand gestures and to use a costume. For instance, for a man wearing a wide sleeved Chinese costume known as 'running water' sleeves, there are a possible 150 hand gestures! And woe be to the man who hasn't learned them properly for the slightest mistake will be obvious to the audience!

The gathering of costumes is a serious part of the business and involves telling the plot of



FATHER SHERIDAN

Sketching In Shanghai St

SHANGHAI Street may soon see a tall, attractive South Vietnamese girl with notebook in hand happily sketching local activity.

Mrs Jacqueline Ha Van Lamontagne, who has recently had a most successful exhibition of her paintings at St John's Cathedral Hall, says that she will spend as much time as possible exploring Hongkong in search of material.

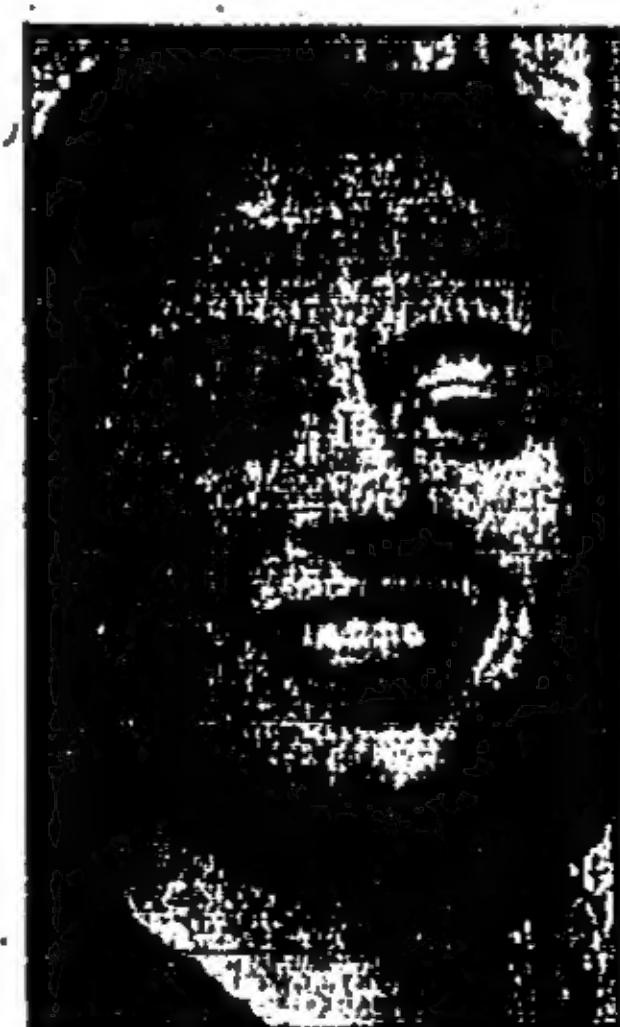
Modern

Interested only in painting people, Mrs Lamontagne says she spends hours in the poorer section of the city capturing the feeling and movement of the people as they go about their daily tasks. Her art, which is modern without being abstract, gives lasting impressions rather than details of human activity.

Her work is all absorbing and leaves little time for hobbies or outside interests. "Without art," she says wistfully, "I don't know what I'd do."

However, up till now (and she's been painting since she was 19) she has concentrated on portraying Asians.

Soon, though, she will transplant her interests to the United States when she and her husband leave the Colony in July.



JACQUELINE

the opera to the costume tailor so that he will be sure to produce a garment suitable to the rank of the character. Not all of the costumes are specially made for the performance, however, some are hired from professional actors.

His Costumes

After having staged 15 operas, Father Sheridan reckons that he now has some \$9,000 worth of costumes. Once he paid \$500 for a single outfit but as a rule they average between \$100 and \$200.

It is interesting to note that the striking looking actor who wore the headdress of two 5-foot feathers, wore them at an expense of \$90 each!

Father Sheridan feels that the Chinese have about 20 per cent more acting ability than Europeans. They learn their lines quickly, absorb technical knowledge and have tremendous powers of expression.

All the players, except for the girls of course, are ex-Wah Yan College students and all are amateurs. And all are so keen that approximately 70 per cent of the cast have been with Father Sheridan since the first production.

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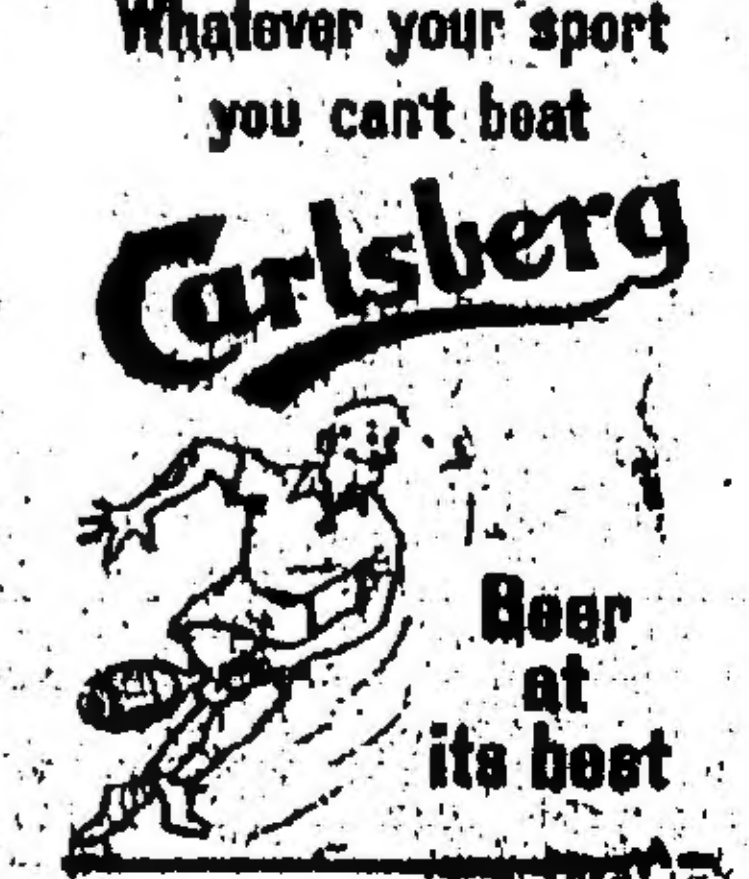


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Chiang's Planes In Tibet War

From SYDNEY SMITH

Tibetan Frontier, March 23.

Aircraft of Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang forces have made three air drops to aid Tibetan fighters.

Chiang is said to have chosen this battle as a "second front" to Quemoy—and a much better chance to make his long-sought contact with Communist Chinese forces.

So far, the air drops have been of light weapons, ammunition, and a handful of technical advisers and radio operators.

Huge Block Of Ice Reaches Dr Schweitzer

Libreville, March 23. A three-ton block of polar ice has reached Dr Albert Schweitzer at his hospital at Lambaréne, 50 miles from the equator, after a 27-day trip by road and sea from a Norwegian town near the Arctic Circle.

The block of ice—cut from a glacier and repacked to be 1,800 years old—was presented to Dr Schweitzer last Saturday when it was delivered to the hospital in a specially insulated lorry with a cargo of about 100 pounds of medicines.

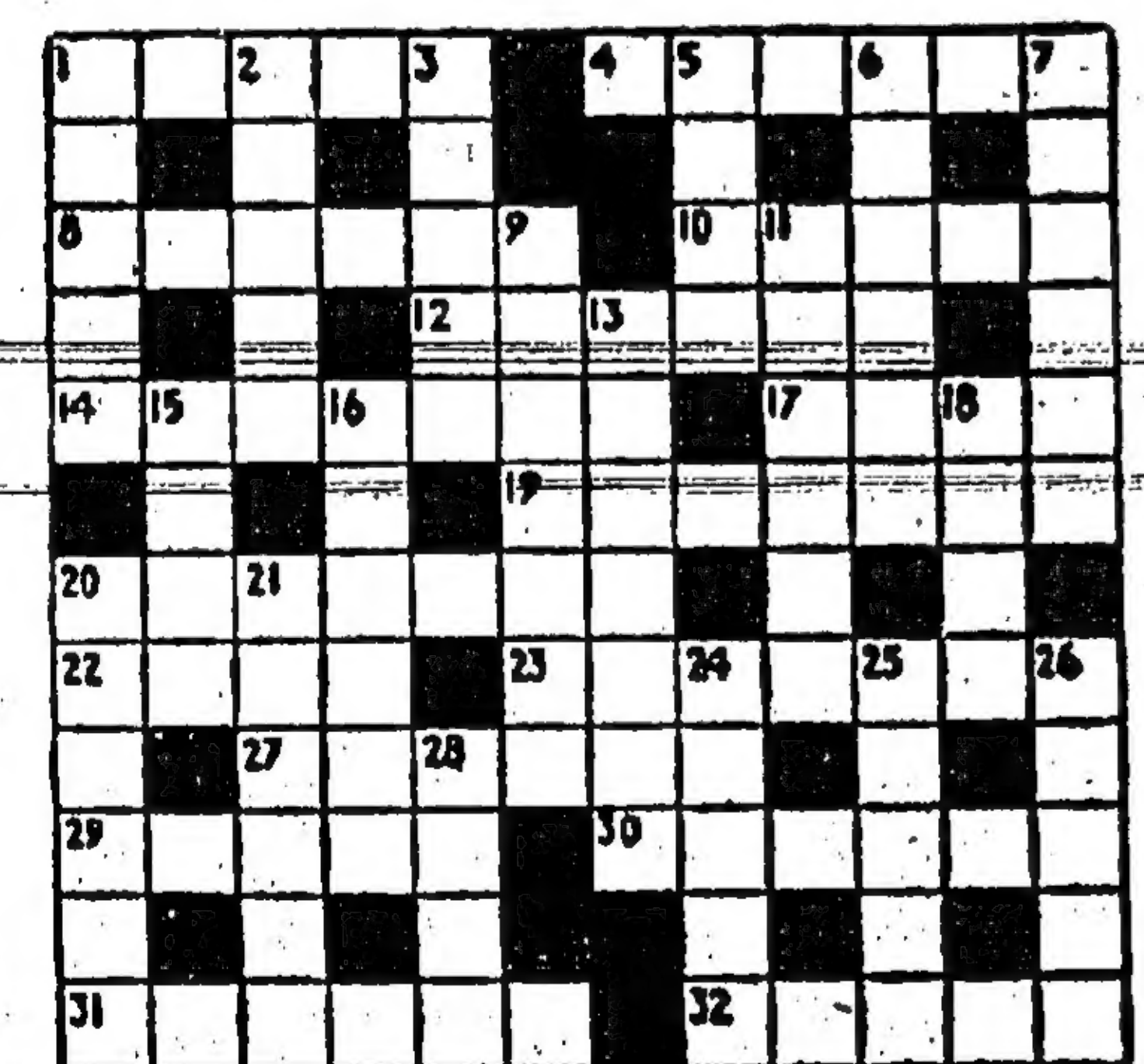
The block left the town of No-J-Ran, in Norway, on February 22, and had lost only 10 per cent of its weight when it reached Dr Schweitzer in Africa, 7,500 miles away.

The ice will be stored in the refrigerated van and will be used by Dr Schweitzer at his hospital. —Reuter.

Severe Treatment

London, March 23. Parliament had advice on how to deal with chipped cups and dirty knives and forks in restaurants. "Drop them on the floor," Labour M.P. Anthony Greenwood said.—U.P.I.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Broken-hearted? (3, 2).
- 4 Prohibitionist standard? (6).
- 8 As a summary it's not quite exact (6).
- 10 Tapestryed town in France? (5).
- 12 Gave a look of concentration? (6).
- 14 Evidently not proud of a false start? (7).
- 17 Transparent mineral (4).
- 19 An advanced Liberal? (7).
- 20 One who progressed? (7).
- 22 Dye (4).
- 23 Alighting at the top of the stairs? (7).
- 27 Unruffled (6).
- 29 Constabulary in possession (5).
- 30 Vehement speech (6).
- 31 Dark and gloomy (6).
- 32 Loathed (6).

DOWN

- 1 A crop from the tropics (5).
- 2 They get about a bit in horse racing! (5).
- 3 May usually be found in binoculars (5).
- 5 Not closed (4).
- 6 This race is generally fair (6).
- 7 Lascar turned rogue (6).
- 9 Unproductive (7).
- 11 Give a mental jolt (6).
- 13 Refusing to give way (7).
- 15 Short ride (4).
- 16 Fishes? Tight, maybe (6).
- 18 Man of the Bible (4).
- 20 The wide open spaces of S. America? (6).
- 21 Svelte (6).
- 24 A sound of equine denial? (5).
- 25 Not suitable (5).
- 26 The sin of gluttony? (5).
- 28 Far from the van (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Across: 3 Black-cap, 8 Elan, 9 Turn over, 11 President, 13 P-day, 15 Lethargy, 16 Ape, 21 Holiness, 23 Repeller, 26 Paid, 27 Suspense, Down: 1 Deep, 2 Sale, 4 Lead, 5 Cons, 6 Caviar, 7 Perry, 9 Tidal, 10 Balm, 12 Killa, 14 Argus, 16 Tchor, 17 Chair, 18 Acres, 20 Pipes, 21 Hide, 22 Lead, 23 Evan (rev.), 24 Soda.



Harrisons Join In A Protest

Protest marches and demonstrations are becoming a predictable normal part of Britain's Sunday afternoons.

But three faces in this crowd of student marchers carrying banners to Trafalgar Square as a protest against Apartheid in South Africa universities made this demonstration stand out from the rest.

Picked up by surprised Daily Express cameraman Robert Haswell, routinely covering the march, they were the Harrisons family—Mr Rex, Mrs Kay (Kendall) and their 11-year-old son Noel—all marching beneath a banner (Noel was helping to carry it) which loudly proclaimed "Education has no Colour Bar".

The Harrisons bumped into the procession by accident; but, said Kay, "I thought it was a wonderful cause and I carried the banner for a short while."

Watching the speeches being made in Trafalgar Square was Mr Snelson, secretary of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party; but by then the Harrisons had dropped out.

A pity—it would have made a nice paragraph for his report to the Kremlin on the political enthusiasm of the British.

Picture shows Rex (in a hat), Kay (carrying a bag), and Noel (carrying the banner) marching to Trafalgar Square. —Express Photo.

Soviet Group In Japan

Tokyo, March 23. A Soviet tourist group of 21 members, the first of its kind to visit Japan since the end of the war, today arrived here by air from Hongkong.

The group led by an official of Intourist, the state-owned Soviet travelling agency, included four engineers, 11 scientists, and one doctor.

Another team of 21 Russians including motion picture stars and producers is expected to visit this country in May for sightseeing. —Reuter.

MASS MURDER PLOT IN AFRICA

— White Paper Tells Of Uprising Plan

London, March 23.

A planned African uprising involving the murder of the British Governor and officials in Nyasaland, white missionaries, women and children, was reported today in a government White Paper.

The document published details of the alleged massacre plot which was the main reason for declaring a state of emergency in Nyasaland.

Based on a report from the Governor of Nyasaland, Sir Robert Armitage, the White Paper reported that the plot, to be put into effect on "R-Day" was made at a secret meeting in Blantyre on January 25 of about 140 delegates of the African National Congress.

The report said: "Those attending were sworn to secrecy

petrol dumps and the main power station at Blantyre.

Murder of district and provincial commissioners, district police officers and other Europeans, including missionaries and also certain chiefs and other Africans classed as "Quislings" (collaborators). In the townships Europeans and Asians were to be killed, including women and children.

Assassination of the Governor and other senior British officials.

The White Paper said that the January 25 meeting agreed that if Dr Hastings Banda, leader of the Nyasaland African Congress were arrested, other Congress leaders would set the date for the start of violence—"R-Day"—simultaneously in all districts.

Strikes

On the previous day—January 24—there was a conference in Blantyre of about 160 delegates from all parts of the protectorate and from Northern and Southern Rhodesia.

At this conference, the White Paper reported, "it was decided to call a general strike, including civil servants, railway and road transport workers, in the event of the Congress constitutional demands being rejected."

The massacre plot was agreed to have been made at the January 25 meeting to which the delegates were taken in lorries to a secret meeting place.

Dr Banda did not attend this meeting but the Governor said: "I have reason to believe it was held at his direction."

The White Paper reported the Governor as saying he was not in



Dr Banda

a position to assess the reports of these meetings until February 13.

The White Paper said that by the time the reports of the two meetings had been analysed "events had already begun to corroborate them, inasmuch as it was already clear that the first part of the Congress plan in relation to general demonstrations in advance of the announcement of constitutional changes had been launched and however non-violent these were supposed to be, was in fact leading to widespread disorder."

The Government document gave details of the Governor's report of increasing incidents, armed robberies, attacks on prisons, and the airfield at Fort Hill, and of the occasions when security forces had to use gunfire and tear gas to disperse rioters. —Reuter.

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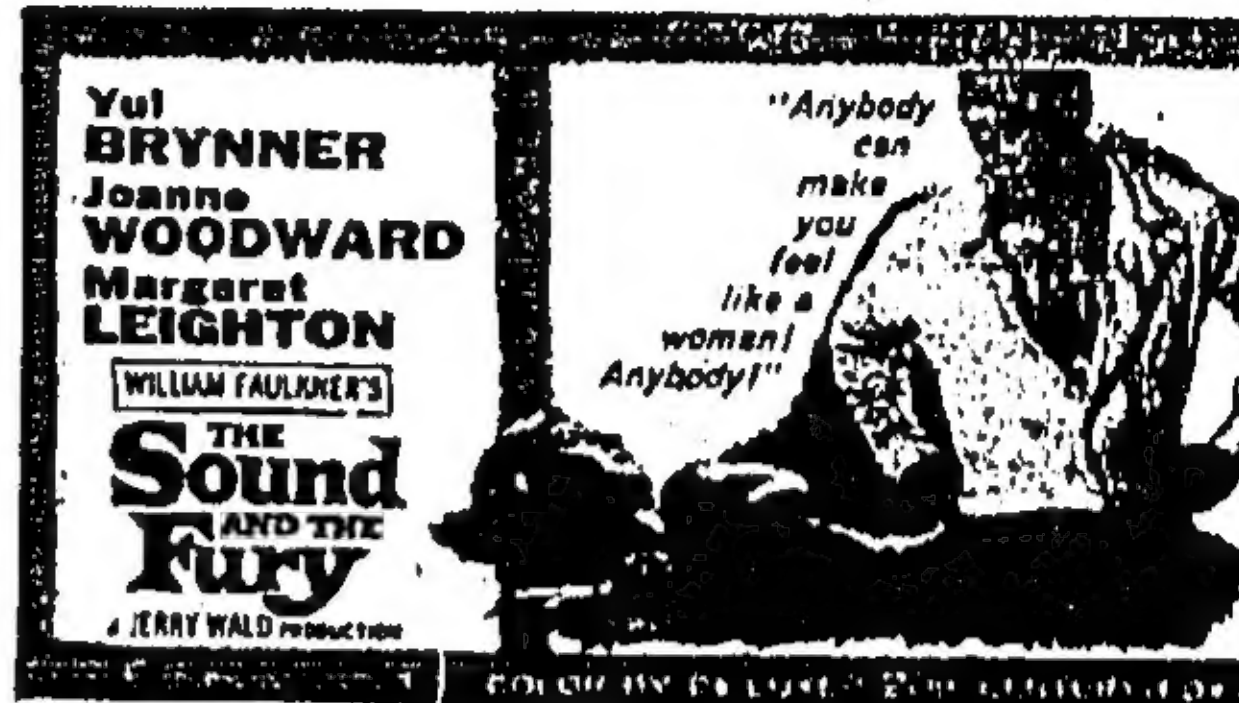
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Tiddlywinks Tussle

London, March 23.

A distinguished team of tiddlywinkers were practicing "squops" and "squiders" here today for tomorrow's clash with an unbeaten team from Cambridge University for the World Tiddlywinks Championship.

The team were nominated last month by the Duke of Edinburgh in place of the "Goonies" members of Britain's club radio show—who were previously beaten by the crack Cambridge team. The match, to be held in the Express Club in the heart of London's theatreland, is expected to be watched by 300 experts of the game. Captain of the eight-man Express Club team is Captain

SQUOPS AND SQUIDERS ON CHAMPAGNE

Sir Hugh Stockwell, the 57-year-old veteran of Malaya and Sum.

Other members include the Earl of Kimberley, Lord Strathmore, and Lord Valentia. Thomas, film producer Kevin McElroy, comedian Terry Thomas, and cricketer Don Bradman.

The Express Club coach, 23-year-old Olive Wilton, was reported to have said: "My

men are taking the whole thing dead seriously."

"Remember, this match is to be played under international Tiddlywink rules, and Cambridge University are unbeaten."

He confirmed reports that his team had been training on champagne in "the most exclusive drawing rooms" of London.

Tiddlywinks is played with flat circular discs about the size of the buttons on a man's jacket. The aim is to propel a tiddlywink into a small pot by pressing down on its edge with another.

"To squop" is to cover up an opponent's tiddlywink. "Squidding" is the action of firing a tiddlywink towards the pot. —China Mail Special.

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THIS MAN'S NAME IS Baskerville AND WHAT HE SAYS TODAY BRINGS A BIG ARGUMENT OVER THE SHERLOCK HOLMES LEGEND

THOUSANDS of devoted admirers of Sherlock Holmes, the Baker Street detective to whom all things were elementary, will be surprised by a new mystery—a real life one—which sprang up recently.

It is a mystery which may well become as legendary as the bitter, long-running Bacon-Shakespeare controversy.

For, after more than 50 years, the authorship of one of the best-known Holmes stories, "Hound of the Baskervilles," is being disputed.

And disputed by no less an authority than the man the story is named after, Harry Baskerville.

by
**Peter
Evans**

"Shortly after his return from the Boer War, Bertie (Robinson) told me to meet Mr Doyle at the station. He said they were going to work on the story he had told me about."

"Mr Doyle stayed for eight days and nights. I had to drive him and Bertie about the moors. And I used to watch them in the billiards room in the old house, sometimes they stayed long into the night, writing and talking together."

"Then Mr Doyle left and Bertie said to me, 'Well, Harry, we've finished that book I was telling you about. The one we're going to name after you.'"

But Baskerville's story was happily denied by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's son Adrian.

Shadow

The other night I drove to a small, narrow-streeted village in the silent shadow of Dartmoor to talk to a white-haired Baskerville, who claims that a brilliant young journalist, who was soon to die in mysterious circumstances, helped Doyle write the great thriller.

Pink-faced and younger-looking than his 88 years, Baskerville told me in a firm, fine Devonshire voice: "Doyle didn't write the story himself. A lot of the story was written by Fletcher Robinson. But he never got the credit he deserved."

"They wrote it together at Park Hill, over at Ilfracombe. I know, because I was there."

Baskerville, who was a coachman to Robinson's father, told me that long before Doyle arrived at Park Hill, in Devon, Fletcher Robinson had confided: "Harry, I'm going to write a story about the moor and I would like to use your name."

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"O.K., it's one of ours—I can sell by the dozen."

Riding

When I phoned him in Geneva, Switzerland, where he now lives, he said:—

"Fletcher Robinson wrote not one word of the story. He refused my father's offer to collaborate and retired at an early stage of the project."

"Furthermore, my father never stayed with Robinson. He stayed at the Duchy Hotel, Dartmouth. He accepted Robinson's offer of a coach and went riding with him on the moors simply to get the atmosphere of the place."

"In fact, I have letters from Robinson proving this. It was Robinson who told my father about a West Country legend, but that was just about the extent of his contribution."

In a short preface to the book, rather Doyle wrote: "My dear Robinson, it was to your account of a West Country legend that this tale owes its inception. For this and for your help in the details, all thanks."

Mystery

But was this enough? Baskerville is convinced Robinson played a larger part.

Soon after the publication of the book, mystery-man Robinson sent me a 1907 newspaper cutting as the author of many "thrilling detective stories"—started a fateful investigation into an Egyptian mummy's curse.

Before he could complete his research he died. He was 55. When Doyle heard of his death he said: "I warned him against concerning himself with the mummy. I told him he was tampering fate by pursuing his inquiries, but he was fascinated."

and would not desist. Then he was overtaken with illness. "He was the last man in the world to want to die—strong, vigorous, and in excellent physical condition—but he died."

"The immediate cause of death was typhoid fever, but that is the way in which the 'elementals' guarding the mummy might act."

Possible

Could Robinson have contributed more than the world has realised?

A Holmes expert told me: "This could explain the mystery of why Holmes appears so infrequently in the Hound."

"We know that when Doyle wrote the story he had already killed off Holmes—whom he disliked and regarded as a pot-boiler in 'The Final Problem.' "If this information is correct, it is just possible that Doyle, faced with a public outcry for killing his hero, had to quickly produce another Holmes story."

"He may have agreed with Fletcher Robinson to adapt an existing Robinson story but found it impossible to make Holmes the central figure."

And in London recently the mystery deepened. A member of the Sherlock Holmes Society told me:—

"This sounds like the story James Montgomery was working on. He was a Black American, a member of the Baker Street Irregulars (the American Sherlock Holmes Society) and he came to Britain about three years ago to interview Baskerville."

Hints

"He hinted at his discoveries but refused to say very much because he was planning to publish a monograph."

"He was very excited and talked about startling discoveries. But he returned to America and within three weeks he was dead. The monograph was never published and his notes were never found."

It is a curious story. A mystery worthy of the villain of Baker Street himself. But I'm afraid he would discover little that is elementary. — London Express Service.

Doctor Sam Proved Wrong

WHEN someone told Dr Samuel Johnson that Scotland was a country of many fine prospects, he snarled back his famous remark that the finest prospect any Scotsman could ever see would be the high road into England.

In Scotland recently it was plain to me that the Scots were enjoying the last laugh as they readied themselves for the annually-growing invasion of tourists from south of the border.

For tourism has become a big business in Scotland. Really big business, ranking with whisky (please, never "Scotch") as a national earner.

The prospects which left Sam Johnson cold have paid off handsomely.

Now the Scots are getting really ambitious about tourism. Soon you'll be hearing about their plans to turn the remote, forbidding Cairngorm mountains into a skiing centre to rival Switzerland and Austria. These include the building of an access road into the mountains and the construction of ski-lifts.

Pathetic

ONE of the dreariest aspects of life in London is the pathetic attempt at sensationalism by the Chelsea and Kensington "nets" of debs, ex-debs, quasi-debs and their boy-friends.

Frequently they are guilty of breaches of taste and manners which would be deplorable in Teddy Boys.

Recently, Britain saw them at their crassest. Someone thought it would be madly funny to hold a bottle party on a London Tube train. So smuggering, giggling, screeching and bellowing, about 150 of them bundled onto an Inner Circle-line train, clutching their liquor.

Other passengers were jostled, knocked about, squashed, and had liquor spilled over them. Policemen had to be called in to throw the "revellers" off the train.

It is reported that one brilliant businessman knocked flat a brace of debs escorts.

As was said, it's pathetic.



"I'm sure Mr. Marples wouldn't like to hear you call me a nasty name like that just because I keep pushing button B instead of button A."

London Express Service.



Is THIS the freedom that Africans want?

Outwards from the dusty, bustling city of Accra, where jazz blares into the streets, there goes a strident cry which reaches every part of the continent: "Whites scream out of Africa."

Sir Roy Welensky, Premier of the Central African Federation, has said the troubles in Nyasaland stem from the All-African conference at Accra in December—a conference attended by a strong Russian delegation.

But have the people of Accra—capital of newly independent Ghana—so very much freedom themselves? Is the pattern of ruler-ship revealed in this on-the-spot report a sample of what the rest of Africa really wants?

"MY telephone is being tapped," said the Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition in Ghana, quite casually. I nodded. I was not greatly surprised. Cynicism is easily come by in a State merrily skipping down the road to dictatorship.

I was talking to Dr K. A. Busia, a mild, softly-spoken man in a well-cut lounge suit. He looked considerably younger than his 45 years.

by BRIAN GARDNER

We were in the room in the National Assembly, Accra, put aside for the use of the Leader of the Opposition. It seemed to be about the only privilege left to him.

In the distance, through the open window, I could just hear the raised voices of Africans in debate in the Assembly—a chamber based on our own House of Commons. A pretence at democracy was being made.

But I was hearing more interesting things in this hot, stuffy little office.

CORDON

"Yes, I am certain the telephone is being tapped. My correspondence is being tampered with. I had suspected this for some time," said Dr Busia.

"Recently I arranged for a copy of an important and very personal letter to be sent to a private address. This reached me, but the original never arrived at my official address."

Through the window, over Busia's shoulder, I could see the strong police cordon, ransacking the building. A cane-swinging policeman stood every three or four yards.

"A member of the Government," Dr Busia continued, "arrogantly mentioned the private business contained in that letter shortly afterwards."

Dr Busia was until last year the only African professor at University College, Accra. Now he has resigned to give his whole time to politics. He was educated at Oxford, where he was a visiting Fellow in 1955.

"I have no personal ambition in politics," he said. "I do not like them. But I must fight this creeping dictatorship in Ghana."

INTIMIDATED

Apart from censorship, Dr Busia has difficulties of other kinds. His party is finding it increasingly difficult to express its views. It cannot hold meetings without the permission of the police. The police are closely controlled by Nkrumah's Government.

"Native chiefs who supported us are being intimidated and are leaving the party, Civil

servants are frightened of mentioning us by name. Our local organisers are beaten up. One of them died in hospital after a beating up near Kumasi."

"There have been attempts to withdraw my passport. In fact, if it had not been for the expected entry in the foreign Press, this would have been done by now."

The low murmur of voices from the Assembly continued to drift through the window.

"We are, in fact, being subjected to a deliberate campaign of terror. Thirty-seven of our party members are languishing in prison—without trial."

"One of them, a Ballioli man, is now complaining that he wishes to eat a European breakfast. But he is being forced to eat the native dish, which is about as tasteless and unpleasant to him as it probably would be to Harold Macmillan."

EXCITING

"Whites in the prison are allowed a European breakfast. Is this not colour-consciousness in reverse?"

"It is mainly through the foreign Press now that we can fight back," said Busia. "They are building a concentration camp for us 22 miles away from here, you know."

I went through the narrow, crowded streets of Accra, the capital of Ghana, jostling with its citizens. There was an extraordinary mixture of the old and the new.

Chauffeur-driven cars, with business men and politicians inside, sent the excitable, voluble crowds scattering. Men in the toga-like robes peculiar to Ghana, wandered around smoking cigars and wearing dark glasses.

Women carefully trod the dusty roads, carrying enormous loads on their heads. And just as the better-known airline travellers' bags are fashionable in London, so they are in Accra. Only there the pretty girls carry them on their heads.

were now in prison, were entirely democratic. He made no comment.

Kofi Baako is a small, burly man, who seems to be bursting with energy. He is the man who will probably write the Queen's speeches on her visit in the autumn.

He is the man who talks about locking up "lawyers who play the foot."

When I asked him about the prisoners, I thought he was going to explode.

Vehemently he denied that there was any differentiation between black and white in James Fort Prison, where the political prisoners are held.

"It is inconceivable," he said. "There was, but not now."

"I was a political prisoner once. I know what I am talking about."

He hesitated, then added: "I know the sanitation is not good, but it was so in my days too."

REFUSED

I asked him about censorship. "Before there was, not now. But we would not hesitate to use it if we thought it necessary for the welfare of the State. Then we would let the people know that their letters were to be censored."

I tried to get permission to get into James Fort Prison, but it was not granted. I stood outside the whitewashed walls of this low, dingy building and contemplated the fate of the politicians within. They can be held there five years without trial.

A queue of quiet, patient native women squatted outside in the shade of the wall, waiting for permission to enter to see their sons or husbands. Beside them were baskets to be taken inside before the heavy, wooden gate.

But you do not have to be near the prison to feel the inescapable quality of corruption and totalitarianism in Accra. There is a feeling which, I should imagine, is similar to that in Berlin in the late 1930s.

Propaganda cars tour the streets with invective. "Whites scream out of Africa," they call—in between hectic jazz.

Everywhere there is glorification of the State, and its head—Nkrumah. The main street is Independence Avenue. Other public places recall the "fight for freedom."

Nkrumah's profile stares not only from the hoardings, but from stamps and coins too. Built especially for independence at a cost of £1,000,000 is one of the most luxurious in Africa.

Journalists are deported. Politicians are locked up. The only Opposition newspaper, the Ashanti Pioneer, is not easy to obtain in Accra.

INFAMOUS

In the Government-owned Ambassador Hotel, Nkrumah's underlings "live it up" well into the night. Power is a nice thing to have, when you can get it. This political hotel, built especially for independence at a cost of £1,000,000 is one of the most luxurious in Africa.

White-coated waiters slip to and fro, a band plays, a cocktail is shaken, and trolleys laden with excellent food and drink make their way to the 100 tables.

Not far away from the hotel is one of the most infamous towns in Africa. Thousands of families huddle together in wretched shacks, sharing primitive sanitation.

Sullenly, they equal in the narrow lanes. Now they have their "freedom"... but I wondered if this is what they really wanted.—London Express Service.

WE DON'T WANT 'SPIES'

SOLICITORS throughout Britain have been given a pledge by the Law Society that they will not be asked to "spy" on fellow-lawyers.

The move follows a request to report to the council of the society any suspicion of professional misconduct as early as possible.

But the appeal caused a storm of protest among some provincial members.

Now the Law Society has made it clear that the aim was only to enable it to give prompt help to solicitors who might be in trouble over the funds of clients.

An explanation is given in the Law Society's Gazette, whose editor writes: "If the impression has been given

that the council are busy recruiting a kind of professional MIS, nothing could be further from the truth."

The purpose was simply to bring home to members the part they can play in enabling preventive action to be taken before a situation arises which is incurable.

Criticism

"The criticism that the Society's resources should be devoted to helping members in difficulty, rather than disciplining them, which help is, unavailing, has been made recently."

"But the council have no choice in the matter. If the first they hear of a member's difficulties is when he is

charged with actual professional misconduct."

A Letter

"If action ought to be taken it will be more beneficial to the solicitor concerned, his clients, and the profession as a whole if it is taken at the earliest possible stage."

A letter from the president of the Law Society, Mr Leslie Popplatt, to provincial solicitors, stressed the possibility of mitigating the consequences of misconduct—"and the losses sometimes sustained by the Society's compensation fund"—if early warning were given by any solicitor who suspected professional misconduct by another. The letter was private, but its contents became public.—London Express Service.

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PETER MAY UNDISMAYED

Says 'Cricket Is Still A Game' On Return From Controversial Tour

London, March 23. Despite the dismal playing record of the MCC on their tour, Peter May, the captain, was anything but dismayed when he arrived from Australia at London Airport today. "Naturally we were disappointed with the results of the Tests," he said. "But we have no excuses. We were beaten by a better side."

Welsh Rugby XV For Match Against France

Cardiff, March 23. The Welsh rugby union team to play France in Paris on April 4 shows three changes, one of them positional, from the side which recently defeated Ireland.

The half-back pair, C. Ashton and Lloyd Williams, have been replaced by the Newport club halves, Malcolm Thomas and Billy Watkins. Thomas played at centre against Ireland. The vacancy there is filled by John Hurrell, also of Newport.

Watkins, 25, and Hurrell, 26, are new "caps". The team, announced here tonight, is: T. E. Davies, J. Collins, J. Hurrell, M. Price, D. Hobb, M. C. Thomas, B. Watkins, P. Prosser, B. V. Meredith, D. Main, R. H. Williams, D. E. Harris, R. C. C. Thomas, J. Parry, H. Morgan, J. Reuter.

Dentist Wins St. Petersburg Golf Open

St. Petersburg, March 23. Veteran Cary Middlecoff, playing his first tournament since returning from a three-year tour in Japan, shot a three-under-par 69 today to win the \$15,000 St. Petersburg open golf tournament.

The 37-year-old dentist finished with a 72-hole total of 275, and picked up top money of \$2,000.

He was three strokes ahead of another "old pro", Pete Cooper of Lakeland, Florida, who shot a 71 for a 278 total.

Bob Gaulty, who held a one-stroke lead going into the round, missed several short putts to go three over par with a 75. However, the Belleville, Illinois, player still was in third position among the finishers with a 280 total.

Tied with 282's were George Byer, Wes Ellis Jr. and Gene Littler, U.S.P.I.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Annual meeting of I.R.K. Lawn Bowls Association, Club Luncheon, 5.30 p.m.

Tennis

Colony Open: Grass Court, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ladies' Annual Spring Meeting & Prize presentation at Fanning, 4.30 p.m.

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MORE SIDES LIKE FOREST NEEDED

And More Managers Like Billy Walker

By TOM FINNEY

(Of Preston North End and England)

The young Scot John Quigley soars high above two Aston Villa defenders, lands perfectly balanced and calmly volleys the ball into the net. After 61 years of waiting, Nottingham Forest are through to Wembley.

In the stands, grey-haired manager Billy Walker permits himself a small smile of triumph. Certainly no one could begrudge him that.

For this has been one of the great achievements of post-war football. The one-time Aston Villa and England idol has built up a team of ball-playing artists without any big spending spree.

He has relied entirely on his own judgment of a player's capabilities and proved himself uncannily right, time and time again.

He has picked up men whom other clubs had labelled as misfits and turned them into top-line performers; he has transformed unknowns into stars.

Success secret

I remember talking to Forest's Scottish international left-back Joe McDonald earlier this season and being very impressed with his enthusiasm. Last time I'd met him he'd been playing in the Sunderland reserve side. Some of the critics were describing him as a man who hadn't quite made the grade. Today he is one of the best full-backs in football.

I asked him what brought about the change and he said: "Now I'm allowed to play football the way it should be played, under a manager who believes in me."

That is one of the secrets of Billy Walker's success. His faith in his players is infectious and everyone who ever kicked a ball knows the importance of confidence.

The Joe McDonald story is echoed right through the Forest side. There is Roy Dwight, never a real success as Fulham's centre-forward.

Spotted on TV

Billy Walker watched him on television when he played against Manchester United in last year's semi-final and immediately realised his possibilities as a goal-scoring right-winger. Today, Dwight is the highest scoring right-winger in the League.

Another player whom he sensed was being played out of position was Billy Gray, the former Chelsea and Burnley winger. Today at inside-left, Gray is a threat to any side.

Jeff Whitefoot, never happy with Manchester United and Grimsby, now looks very good as Forest's right-half.

In goal, the ex-Chelsea reserve keeper Chick Thomson shows acrobatic skill. And over on the left wing, Stewart Ingham—the man Derby didn't want—is in the running for a Scottish cap.

Very proud

The game he had been planning to watch was cancelled so he went along to watch a Scottish junior side. Quigley was in the side. One look was enough to convince Walker that this was a player he needed.

The transfer fee? £500. Today managers could probably offer 40 times that sum and still have their bids turned down. Billy Walker must feel very proud as these men justify his faith by reaching Wembley, after battling their way along the toughest road of any.

I am not suggesting, of course, that he has moulded a bunch of

purely average players into a top-ranking side. There is some very real talent in the Forest ranks.

Scottish cap?

Centre-half Bob McKinnlay, for example, is a man I have always admired. We have had several duels and I can assure you no one passes this crazy Scot easily.

It certainly wouldn't surprise me if he made a double appearance this year at Wembley, for I hear he is being closely watched by the Scottish selectors.

But although there is undoubted skill in the Forest team, it took a man of Billy Walker's calibre to recognise it. Just why could he see when others were so blind?

Firstly, Billy Walker has the advantage of having been a very fine ball-playing inside-forward himself. I never saw him play myself, but I have heard men like Charles Buchan praise him highly.

Basic remedy

Secondly, he has been wise enough to realise that true success can never be bought.

And thirdly, he knows that the basic remedy for club success is happiness. His advice to would-be managers never changes: "Always keep your word. Treat your players right and they will treat you right."

I am glad that Billy Walker and his men have reached

Wembley—and not just because they were one of my original selections.

But because football badly needs the example of sides that put the accent on ball control.

Come to think of it, it could do with a few more Billy Walkers.

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OFF THE CUFF

★ Greece are planning to improve their own League standards by importing foreign players.

★ BILLY WRIGHT's wife, Joy, has just built a superb cabinet for her husband's caps and shirts... souvenirs of 99 games for England.

★ Russian captain NETTO is currently rated the finest right-half in Europe by Continental experts.

★ The Scots are now quite confident that MATT BUSBY—who retired as their team manager several months ago—will change his mind and be at Wembley on April 11 for their vital clash with England.

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These Stupid £50,000 Football Gambles

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

Mel Charles, the Swansea play-anywhere star, is a great footballer—one of the best in the four home countries—but I maintain that no player is worth anything like the £40,000 to £50,000 that has been asked for him. At that figure he is too much of a gamble.

This increasing pay-out is ridiculous. It must be halted before some club makes the whole system farcical by demanding £100,000 for a star. Don't think that is impossible. It will come unless our Soccer rulers and club bosses come to their senses.

Few Great Stars

We are losing all sense of values. Once a player shows that he has two talented feet, plus a Soccer brain, his price becomes fantastic.

I know that most clubs would sooner pay a big transfer fee than give it to the Income Tax.

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Jockey Still Grand National Semi-Conscious

Liverpool, March 23.

Peter Major, 33-year-old jockey injured last Saturday in the Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree, Liverpool, was still semi-conscious in hospital here today and seriously ill.

His wife was staying at his bedside.

Major was knocked out when his horse Eternal fell—China Mail Special.

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RUGBY RESULTS

London, March 23.

Results of Rugby matches played in Britain today were:

RUGBY UNION

Torquay 0, Bridgton 3.

Pontypool 20, Neath 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wakefield Trinity 0, Bramley 9.—Reuter.

man, but the main reason for the ceiling prices is the dearth of great players.

So scarce is the personality player these days that his box-office appeal makes him an attractive proposition. Some clubs would even go willingly "into the red" to get him.

I wonder what would happen if some of the old stars were playing? Would there be enough money in the game to buy them?

Old-Time Transfers

Think back to some of those old-time transfers and compare them with today's values. Derby County paid Manchester City £6,500 for Peter Doherty.

What would be the price today if the red-haired Bristol City manager was tricking them down the middle?

Alex James, probably the greatest inside-forward of all time and the mainspring of that wonder Arsenal team, cost £9,000 when he left Preston. I reckon he would cost something like £80,000 now.

And it would be a lucky club, indeed, that signed such a brilliant performer as Rich Carter for a paltry £7,000.

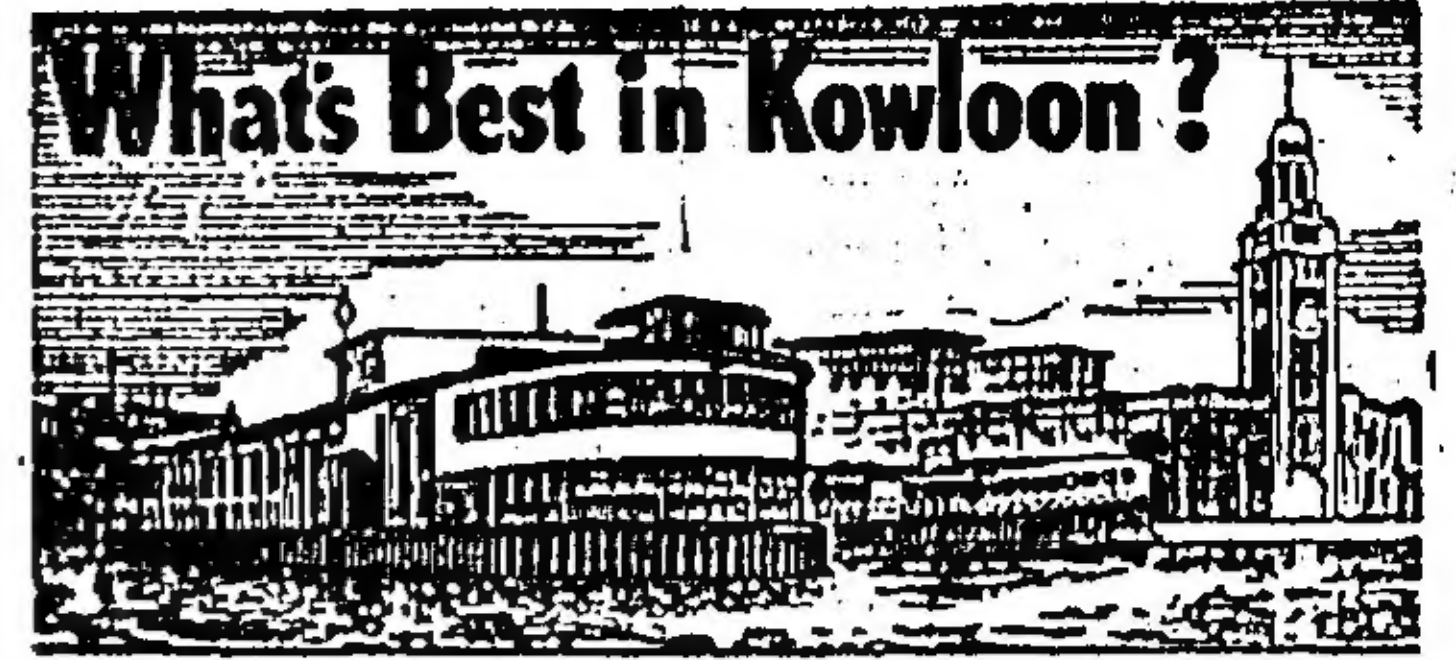
In the old days, every team in the country had its quota of outstanding artists.

I can remember one match before the war when Everton played Aston Villa. There were 13 internationals on the field and the other nine players were all household names.

Big Business

How times have changed! Even Third and Fourth Division clubs are asking astonishing fees for their players.

I know that football is high finance and big business, but if we are to keep the last vestige of sport in the game we must stop this fantastic transfer gambling before it is too late.



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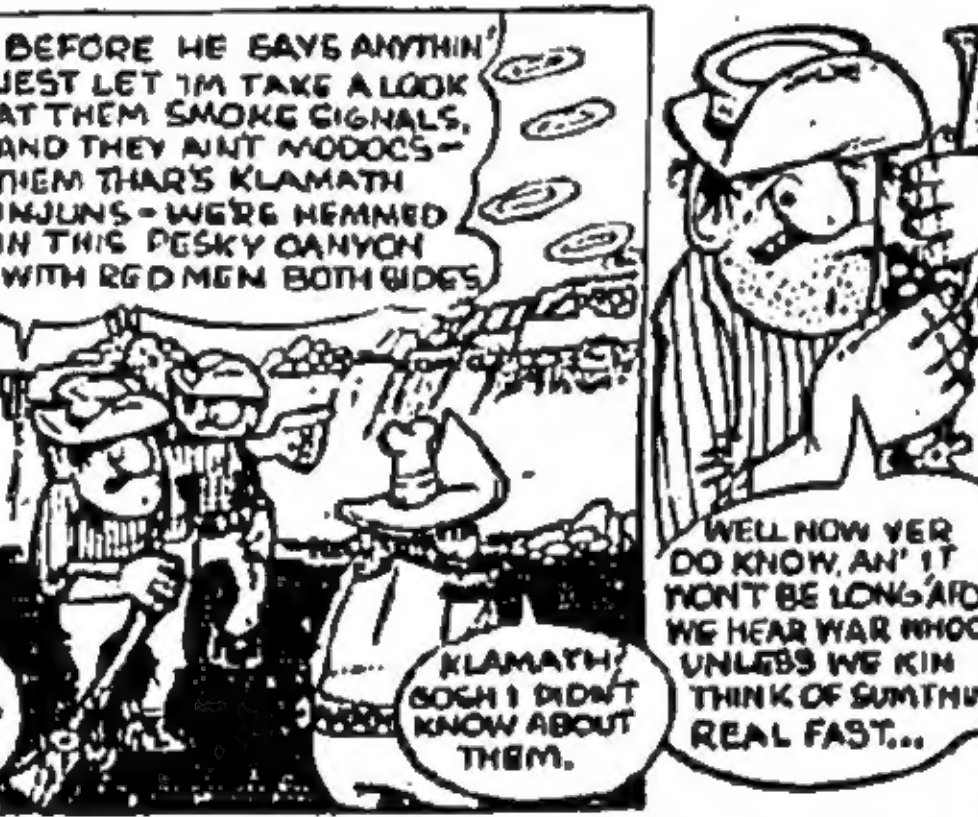
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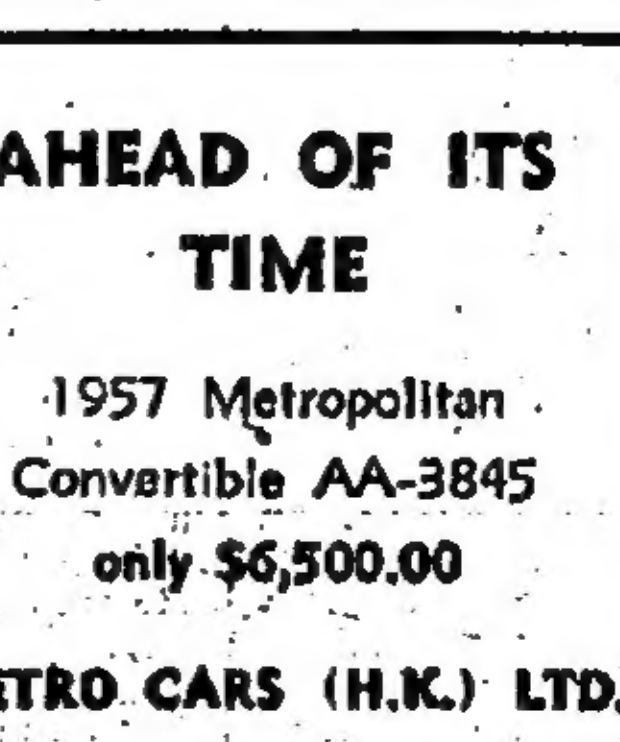
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MONTE CARLO TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Monte Carlo, March 23.

First round results of the Monte Carlo International tennis tournament which began here today included:

Gardner Mulloy, United States, beat Anton Hugan, Holland, 6-1, 6-2.

Jean-Claude Molinari, France, beat Alan Kendall, Australia, 6-3, 6-2.

Jacky Brichant, Belgium, beat Ernesto Aguirre, Chile, 6-2, 0-3.

Georges Donlau, France, beat Stan Hicks, Australia, 6-0, 6-2.

Maria Yola Ramirez, Mexico, beat Miss MacCamley, Australia, 6-2, 6-0.—U.P.I.

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The Duke — 'A Pretty Smart Cookie'



MR. M. H. SLOCUM
He found the Duke (right) "a smart cookie."

An American building expert who showed the Duke of Edinburgh over the Bhakra Dam during his Indian tour, today described Prince Philip as "A pretty smart cookie."

Mr. M. H. Slocum, said that when he showed the Duke over the dam, he asked a number of intelligent and pertinent questions. "He's a good fellow, believe me. The Duke knew pretty much what it was all about," said Mr. Slocum.



Mr. Slocum arrived this morning from New Delhi on his way to America. During work on the Bhakra Dam, Mr. Slocum has shown a number of world personalities around the site. Among them are Bulganin and Khrushchev, Marshal Tito and Lady Mountbatten. Mr. Slocum passed through the Colony quite regularly on his way to and from America. He said that during his time as an engineer, he has built dams, power stations, tunnels, subways, bridges, "and even houses."

Mr. Slocum said that his visits to the Colony had no connection with the proposed new dam to be built on Lantau Island, at a cost of HK\$220,000,000.

TWO NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES FOR HK

Hongkong is to get two new telephone exchanges — a big one at North Point and another to replace the existing one in Waterloo Road.

Mr. H.R.M. Cleland, Chairman of the Hongkong Telephone Co. Ltd., told shareholders at the company's annual meeting this morning that the rapid development at North Point had shown the need for a major exchange in this area and planning had started.

Similarly the present exchange in Waterloo Road was installed in 1930 and was coming to the end of its effective life.

Mr. Cleland's statement continued: The first 2,000 lines on the new Mongkok Exchange will be brought into service by the end of September and the first 2,000 lines on Kowloon City Exchange by the end of the year. These two new exchanges will give much necessary relief to the areas they are designed to serve.

One A Year
In future, the company will publish telephone directories annually in June of each year instead of half-yearly. Supplementary issues will be made when required.

During the year a further 10,568 telephone stations were added to the company's system.

making a total of 85,391 by the end of the year. The increase in telephone stations over the last two years had been in excess of 10,000 each year. In 1957 and 1958 the increases were 1,157 and 943 respectively.

The profit from the working account showed a substantial increase over last year of \$2,231,258 due to the increased number of working lines. The

final net profit showed increase of \$1,094,365.

After carrying forward \$1,367,324 from the previous year, profit available for appropriation is \$9,412,576 with a final dividend of \$1.75 a share.

Mr. Cleland, Mr. D. Benson and Mr. F. S. Li were re-elected directors and Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews, re-appointed auditors.



AIRLINE CHIEF LEAVES
Mr. E. Schmidheiny, chairman of Swissair, returned to Zurich after a four-day visit to the Colony. He was accompanied by his wife.

Like A Snap From Great Grandmother's Album

A snap from a Victorian photograph album? No, just twenty-two of the world-famous Vienna Boys Choir, passing through Hongkong yesterday on their way to Tokyo. They are on a five-month round the world tour. After an hour at Kai

Tak they took a Boac plane on to their next destination. But they are coming back here in May to give two concerts before continuing their world tour to Singapore and Australia. — China Mail Photo.



Piracy Of Books On Chinese Literature

Disclosure By Importer

STAFF REPORTER
Piracy of Chinese literature, especially educational books, is being carried out on a large scale in the Colony, it was learned this morning.

There has been and still is a considerable amount of piracy as regards English and German books, but at present, the greater number of books being pirated are Chinese.

An importer told the China Mail today: "The centre of piracy in the Far East is Taiwan and a lot of Taiwan pirated books are being sold in Hongkong." A lot of these books were being sold by mail.

50 Per Cent
Pirated books, he said, sell at about 30 to 50 per cent less than the original, the reasons being that no royalties are paid to the author and the books are turned out cheaply and on poor quality paper.

"The most vicious form of book piracy going on at present in the Colony was that of duplicated sheets of text books."

He said that pages from text books were typed out, some of the original words being changed, and then put through a duplicating machine. These pages he said were then clipped together and then handed to students instead of the regular text book.

Nothing New
The importer said, however, that book piracy was nothing new in the Colony and that it would carry on as long as it proved profitable.

He went on to say that if the book was popular it would be pirated overnight and quoted one instance when a book was pirated and on the street in less than a week.

C.J. APPOINTED TO ANGLO-JAPANESE PROPERTY COMMISSION

Sir Michael Hogan, the Chief Justice, has been appointed British member of the three-man Anglo-Japanese Property Commission.

The member appointed by Japan is Mr. K. Nishimura, and the jointly-appointed member is Professor Holmbach of Sweden.

The work of the Commission, which arises from an Agreement made by the Allied Powers and Japan in 1952, is to settle disputes arising under Article 15(a) of the Peace Treaty for compensation of British nationals for property, rights or interests left in Japan during the war years.

The sessions of the Commission will be held in Japan towards the end of this year.

HONGKONG — HIGHLY PAINTABLE!

An American free-lance art director, Mr. Walter Steinhilber opened a three-day exhibition this morning of some of the water-colour paintings he has turned out in ten months of travel through central Europe, the Middle and Far East.

The exhibition is being held in the Cultural Centre of the USIS.

Mr. Steinhilber, who at 32 is still an active amateur wrestler, has been in the Colony for nearly one month, and has spent a short period in Macao.

"My wife and I were rather unlucky with the weather," he said yesterday. "It rained a lot when we first arrived, and so I was not able to paint as much as I would have liked."

'I Was Wrong'
"I have always wanted to come here and I thought one month would be long enough, but I was wrong."

Mr. Steinhilber, who classifies his art as "reportorial," finds both Hongkong and Macao "highly paintable."

In 1954, Mr. Steinhilber and his wife Julia, completed a 45,000-mile caravan trip throughout the North American continent in a specially designed station wagon.

For 13 months the station wagon was their studio and home, while they toured down the Eastern American seaboard, crossed to the West coast, and continued North until they reached Vancouver in Canada, and then returned to their starting point.

Two years later, they toured 10,000 miles through Europe for many months in the same fashion.

Fascinated
The American artist and designer explained how he had become interested in the ancient sport of wrestling. "During my early years as an artist I used to go down to a New York sporting club where I was fascinated by the action. I used to sit and paint at the ringside."

"I don't know if it was the smell or what, but it got into my blood. I joined the club, qualified as a wrestler and took part in many amateur competitions. I managed to collect a number of medals and honours, and I am still active today—but not competitively. Now I coach and help out in the administration of the club."

Mr. Steinhilber said he is now waiting for word to go to Taipei. After that he and his wife plan to spend five months travelling through Japan and Hawaii.



Left to right: Mrs. B. Gabow, Mrs. J. Cheng, Mrs. Steinhilber and Mr. Steinhilber after today's opening ceremony.

Japanese Starlets In Colony

Three petite Japanese film actresses arrived here from Rome this morning, after attending the Japanese Film Week in Munich, Germany, as members of the Japanese delegation.

They are, left to right: Akiko Koyama, Izumi Ashikawa and Mayumi Ozora. — China Mail Photo.



Turkish Minister In HK

The Turkish Defence Minister, Mr. Ethem Menderes, arrived here this morning from Ankara on his way to Korea on an official visit at the invitation of the Korean Defence Minister.

Earlier this year, the Korean Minister had visited Turkey. Mr. Menderes was accompanied by two aides, Air Force Captain Turgot Duyul Mazer, and Rear Admiral Adnan Kaynar.

Mr. Menderes will remain here until tomorrow, when he leaves for Seoul.

From the Files 25 years AGO

BULLETIN from Government House, Tuesday March 20: His Excellency the Governor exchanged official calls with Vice Admiral Shunjiro Imamura, Commander-in-Chief of the Third Fleet Imperial Japanese Navy.

Later Admiral Imamura was a guest with several of his officers at lunch at Government House. Other guests included the Commodore and Mrs. F. Elliot, Lady Wheeler, Sir William Homell and Cpt. and Mrs. A. R. Hammick. The next day His Excellency was Admiral Imamura's guest on board the H.I.J.M.S. Izumo.

On Saturday, March 24, the Government House bulletin listed the following who dined with His Excellency: Mr. Justice and Mrs. A.D.A. MacGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Dufaur de la Prade, Mr. and Mrs. N.L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Taylor, Commander and Mrs. G.F. Holt, Col. and Mrs. J.H. Morris, Col. and Mrs. W.J.H. Bilderbeck, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Lloyd, Lt-Col. and Mrs. D. St. J. Baxter, Lt-Col. A.C. Murray, Lord and Lady Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Davidson, Mr. D.J. Lewis, Mr. R.D. Walker and Mrs. E. Newhouse, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Evans Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. David Drummond, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. D. Burlingham and Mr. and Mrs. C.L.C. Sanders.

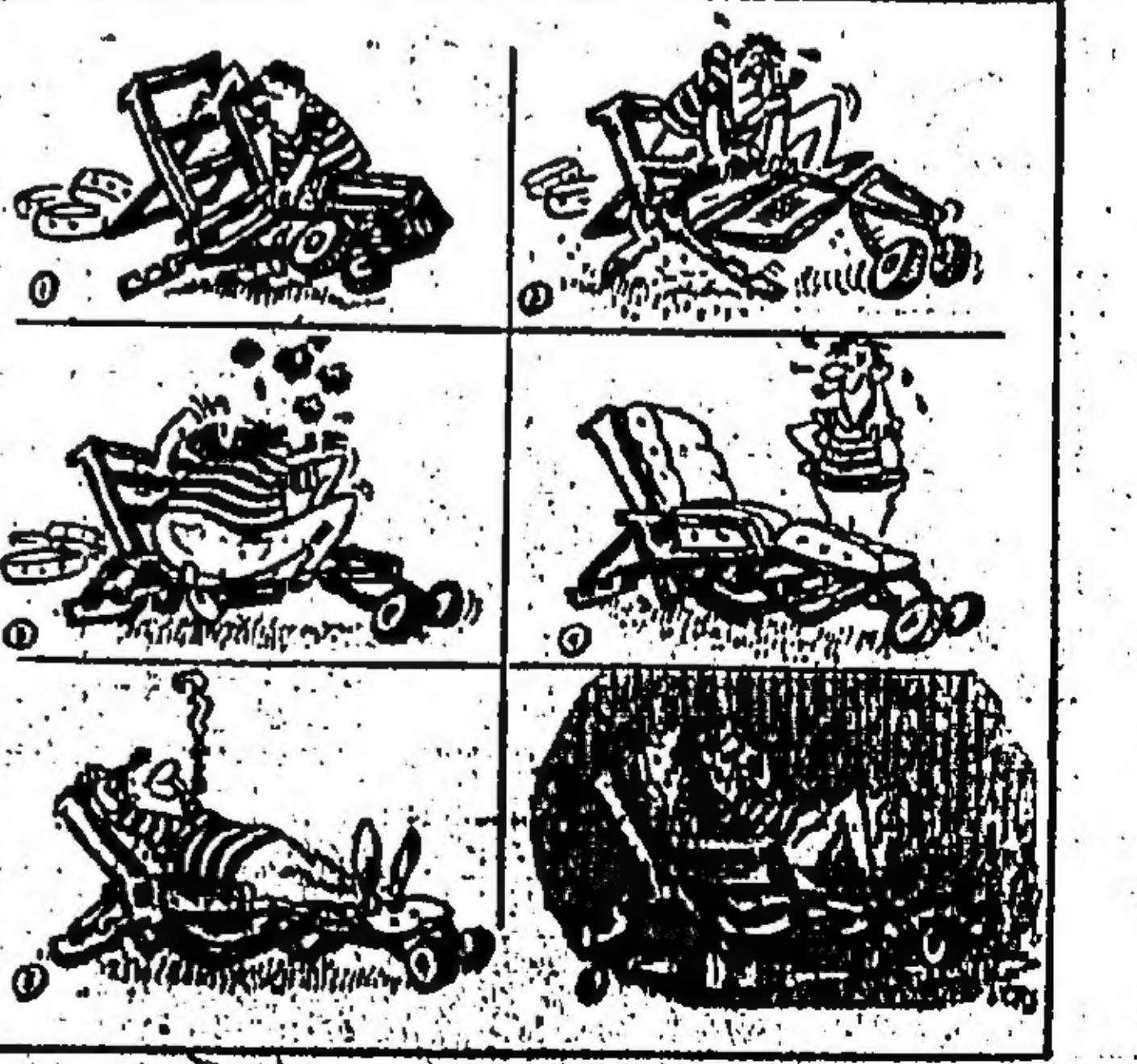
PRESENTING her report at the annual prize day of the Diocesan Girls School, Jordan Road on Saturday afternoon, the Headmistress Miss H. D. Sawyer said that if space were available she would make a great effort to extend the building, so that the kindergarten children might be adequately housed with their own play room, also so that the school might have its own Art room.

It was also revealed that the figures for attendance during the year had reached a record for the past 20 years. As many as 321 girls were on the school roll. This compared with 200, 12 years ago.

Lady Southam, wife of the Colonial Secretary, presented the prizes and was herself the recipient of a handsome tea caddy and breakfast service set as a memento of the occasion.

Mr. W. P. Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Police, is proceeding on leave to Australia and New Zealand by the N.Y.K. steamer Asaka Maru. Divisional Inspector B. Shannon, brother of Chief Detective Inspector W. Shannon, is proceeding on six months leave on the P and O liner Chitral.

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